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Thanks

... to those who supported our zone cross country team and school choir this week. Your assistance and attendance at these events was very much appreciated.

... to those who have supported our senior science fair representatives in recent weeks with encouragement, and in making some final touches to boards.

... to those adhering to our plan to reduce congestion in the upper carpark (please see either of the last two newsletters if you missed this).

People of the week

... definitely our school choir for an amazing performance at this week's music festival. You did a truly outstanding job and we are very proud of you. So ... a special commendation to the following members of our choir ... William Payne, Grace Perrow, Amia Ringrose, Jemimah Townley, Brianna Kessell, Josiah Payne, Emilie Czarny, Dannielle Marvin, Abbie Curtis-Spanhake, Misha Cates-Sakai, Kayley Todd, Lucas Payne, Mikayla Harwood, Brigham Lawrence, Taylor Dackers, Olivia Morgan, Robert Stiff, Grace Wiegiersma, Dayna Richardson, Ella Williams.

... commendations also to Mr Schuster who co-ordinated and inspired our choir this year and to Mrs Walker for the highly memorable choreography. ... Dayna Richardson who showed real compassion and consideration toward another student who was feeling unwell this week.

... Tyrone Fred selected for the Under 14 Northland Rugby Team

... Mya Simes, Amy Sampson, Jessica Redwood, Eve Finlayson, Hannah Attwood, Brooke Hay and Connan Wiegiersma who made the Yr 5 & 6 Whangarei North Inter-Association Team for Hockey. All the best for this weekend's tournament.

Term calendar *(We will advise further dates as these come to hand)*

24 August	Regional Science Fair
25 August	Hearing and Vision testing (New Entrants)
26 August	Year 6, 7 & 8 visit to science fair and public library
1 September	Interschool cross country
15 September	Year 7 and 8 trip to Waitangi
16 September	Talent Quest
25 September	Final day of term 3

Interschool Cross Country – Barge Park – 1 September

Consents for the Interschool Cross Country have been issued to those children who qualified at our school event. A number of consents have not been returned. It is now urgent these are returned to school this coming Monday so that we can fill any vacant spaces. Any question to Mrs Sinclair please.

Talent Show

... coming up 16 September. Interest growing but would like to see more ... all talents welcome. Auditions start in a couple of weeks. We will keep you posted.



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Congratulations

... to the following recipients of this week's virtues awards.

Thank you for the examples of kindness you set for us all. Your parents must be very proud of you!!!!

Room 1	Bodhi Mitten	
Room 2	Liam Perris	Cael Sharpe
Room 3	Rian Tito	Daniel Martin
Room 4	Georgia Perris	
Room 5	Te Aarahi Tito	Ayesha Neeley
Room 6	Greah Seuren	
Room 7	Jade Bean	Ephraim Jongkind
Room 8	Esther Wiegersma	Josh Hampton
Room 9	Hamish Montgomery	Emilie Czarny
Room 10	Kobi Reid	Amia Ringrose
Room 11	Elijah Lawrenson	
Room 12	Megan Elias	Conal Andersen
Room 12	Maddison Fred	

Te Horo Taniwha Challenge

We are pleased to announce the following placings. Congratulations to all of these children.

Age	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
6 yr old boys	Sebastian Brooker		
8 yr old girls	Esther Wiegersma		
8 yr old boys	Harrison Brooker	Ephraim Jongking	Tokomauri Tito
9 yr old girls	Caitlyn Henry		Nicole Hampshire
9 yr old boys	Harley Harwood		
10 yr old girls	Amy Sampson	Eve Finlayson	
10 yr old boys		Ben Rickey	Connan Wiegersma
11 & 12 yr old girls		Elizabeth Townley	Jynaia Hewson
11 & 12 yr old boys	Jacob Attwood		
13 year old girls	Lauren Park		
13 Yr old boys	Olly Parker	Tyrone Fred	

Regional Science and Technology Fair

Best wishes to all of those students representing us at next week's fair. Parents of participating students should have received fairly detailed information on the week and how it unfolds. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Abbott, or visit the Central Northland Science and Technology Fair website.

After School Care Programme

Past efforts to get an After School Care Programme up and running at Matarau School have folded due to lack of support. Most providers will 'give it a go' only if there are a core of people committing to use such a programme most days of the week, most weeks of the school year. We are aware that some parents are using similar services in town, and are keen for us to see if support for a local alternative has grown. **So ... if you think you would use an After School Care service on site at Matarau School on a regular (as opposed to intermittent) basis, please give Helen a call next week. If there is interest from enough people we will scope further. LAST CALL ON THIS ONE!**

Matarau Netball

Well Done to the following "Players of the Day"



Yr 2 - Jessica Nyhuis



Yr 3 - Natasha Nyhuis
Nyree Pol

TRUTHFULNESS

We are having lots of fun focussing on the truthfulness virtue at the moment. It's interesting that the deeper you go with the virtues the more you realise you don't have them as fully "nailed" as you thought. Questions we are exploring with the children at present ...

... are we always being truthful when we share something, but leave some of the information out?

... is there ever a time when it is right to leave some information out?

... how can we be truthful but also kind?

If you missed the home support material sent out a couple of weeks ago just contact the school office.

Year 4 to 6 Hockey Tournament .. 27.8

... please return any outstanding consent forms by Monday. We would also love further offers of parent support on the day. If able to assist, or if you have any questions, please contact Mr Schuster.

Important High School Information Dates

24 th August	WGHS – Enrolments begin at WGHS If you are unable to make interviews and enrolments here on 17 th August you can make an appointment through WGHS – Start Time 8.45am
25 th August	Huanui College – Open Evening from 6.30pm-8.30pm <i>Also..... Tours by Principal every Tuesday morning at 9.30am</i>
Fri 13 th Nov	WGHS – Orientation Day
Nov	WBHS – Interviews and Enrolments start.

Calf Club Day - Thursday 22nd October 2015

A reminder - you need to start thinking now if your child/ren want to rear calves, lambs or goats. The animal must be born after 1st July 2015. Calves are judged on rearing and leading. Lambs are judged on rearing, leading & calling. Goats are judged on rearing, leading & calling.



You can also bring a 'pet' which can include cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, fish, chicken etc. Note that NO DOGS or PUPPIES are permitted and the animal will need to be in a cage for the duration of the day.



Please do not bring pregnant animals or new-borns on the day as this could put them under stress that would not be good for their health. Also please make sure you bring along food and water for your animals as it can be a long day for them especially if it is sunny and hot.

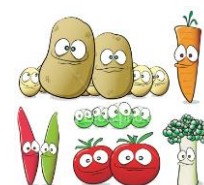
More information will be sent home closer to the end of the term.

Visit to Science Fair

Please return any outstanding consents for the Year 6, 7 and 8 trip to the Science Fair and Public Library on Wednesday 26 August (and a \$5 bus fare for year 6 students). Children need to bring their lunch, drink bottle and their Matarau School T-Shirt.

Home Gardens

Consents were due back by 21 August but we have extended this date to this coming Monday. If your child did not bring a form home, and you would like one, please contact the school office.



Out of zone places

We can now advise the number of places available for out of zone students for 2016 as follows (subject to possible minor adjustments ..

... sufficient places will be made available for siblings of current students

.. seven places have been reserved at year 1 for out of zone students (priorities 3 through 6)

.. eight places have been reserved at years 7 and 8 (priorities 3 through 6)

These places will be publicly advertised approximately mid-September, closing date 14 October, ballot date 21 October. Application forms will be available at the school office from next week.

Next year

We don't want you to feel rushed (and we will give you as much time as you need) but at some stage before the end of this term we will ask for confirmation of children not attending Matarau School next year. This helps us to double confirm the number of out of zone places, enables us to forward plan to ensure class numbers are as low as possible, and enables us to open these places to those seeking these from outside of our zone. So, please be ready for this question.

Finally

We feel hugely proud of our choir for their amazing performance at this week's music festival. All of the schools did an amazing job, but Matarau School happens to have been our favourite. Well done to Mr Schuster, Mrs Walker and every member of the choir. The dance was awesome!

Regards

Kevin Trehwella
PRINCIPAL

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Lost

If your child has picked up a pair of sports shoes in error, with green on them and green laces, that would fit approx 6 year old, could you please return them to school.

Community Notices

Action Zone SPRING Camp is running again during the holidays (27th Sept- 2nd Oct). for 9-13 year olds (up to Yr8) at Marsden Bay Christian Camp located in One Tree Point, Northland. Activities include: motorbikes, buggies, canoes, water slide, flying fox beach activities, sports rounds and much much more. Contact: Trish Ellis, 35 Hilltop Ave, Morningside, Whangarei 0110, Ph: (09) 438 0333, actionzonecamps@gmail.com

Housekeeper Wanted - We need a housekeeper for our home at the Worsnop Road end of the school zone. 2-3 hours per week. Please phone Sandy on 433 5622 evenings only.

Whangarei Coral Society – presents Down Memory Lane, St John's Church, Kamo Rd, Saturday 5th September at 2.30pm. Admission by programme: Adults \$20, Seniors \$15, Children under 15 yrs free.



Mitchell Scott received trophies for most points in the season for any club member, 1st in 50cc class and 50cc most improved;

Jack Laird and Brayden Deeming received a trophy for 1st and 3rd respectively in the 65cc;

Caden Gunson received a trophy for 2nd in the mini trail class;

Dylan Sampson and Riley Perris received a trophy for 2nd and 3rd respectively in the 50cc class;

Liam Grose received trophies for 1st in the mini trial class and most improved 65cc rider.

Congratulations to the Matarau students who achieved so well at the Whangarei Motorcycle Club Prizegiving